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Subject: Docket No E-00000XX-13-0214, Please Oppose Rollbacks and Revisions to the Energy Efficiency Standard

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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

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We are very concerned about the proposal to eliminate Arizona's energy efficiency standards as well as the short time frame within which we have to comment. First, we ask that you extend the comment period on the proposal to eliminate the standards. Second, we ask that you leave the standards intact.

We have a significant interest in keeping intact Arizona's Electric Energy Efficiency Standard, a standard that has been recognized as one of the stronger and more effective standards in the country. It is clear that this standard is and will continue to provide enormous benefits to consumers, businesses, and our economy, but we need your leadership to ensure it will continue working for Arizona.

We urge you to continue supporting energy efficiency programs and policies through our Energy Efficiency Standard. As you know, the programs that have been driven by the EES help ratepayers reduce their utility bills and save money, plus keep their homes more comfortable. These efficiency programs create jobs in our communities and help our economy overall by keeping more of our energy dollars here in Arizona. Because they save energy and reduce demand for electricity, they drive down energy costs for everyone.

The EES has helped residents throughout Arizona reduce their electricity bills through installation of efficient lighting and more efficient air conditioners and by helping to repair leaky ductwork, among many other things. Under the standard, Arizona's top two investor-owned utilities have increased the number of programs offered and, combined, have saved \$928 million in net economic benefits since 2008 through lower utility bills, reduced air pollution, and saved water. A Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory analysis found that the EES will produce cumulative savings exceeding 6,800 GWh by 2020 and \$9 billion in bill savings for Arizona customers by 2030.

We also ask that you keep the gas energy efficiency requirements in place too. These have potential to contribute to even more energy savings.

Because of these significant benefits, we urge you to oppose weakening or rolling back of Arizona's energy efficiency goals and to also oppose any reopening or revision of the EES. The EES has been a great success story for our state. Please keep it on track to provide benefits to us and to our communities well into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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